

1-1 By: Turner of Tarrant, et al. H.B. No. 2029
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Davis)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-4 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
 1-5 Affairs and Military Installations; May 17, 2013, reported
 1-6 adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the following
 1-7 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 17, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9 Van de Putte	X			
1-10 Birdwell			X	
1-11 Campbell	X			
1-12 Davis	X			
1-13 Rodriguez	X			

1-15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2029 By: Davis

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the eligibility requirements for electrician licenses
 1-19 issued to applicants with military experience.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1305, Occupations Code, is
 1-22 amended by adding Section 1305.1645 to read as follows:

1-23 Sec. 1305.1645. LICENSE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR
 1-24 APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE. (a) Notwithstanding any other
 1-25 law, the department shall credit verified military service,
 1-26 training, or education toward the licensing requirements, other
 1-27 than examination requirements, for a license issued under this
 1-28 chapter by the department.

1-29 (b) The department shall expedite the issuance of a
 1-30 temporary license or a license by endorsement or reciprocity under
 1-31 this chapter to an applicant who:

- 1-32 (1) has verified military experience; and
- 1-33 (2) holds a current license issued by another
 1-34 jurisdiction that has license requirements that are substantially
 1-35 equivalent to the license requirements of this state.

1-36 (c) The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement
 1-37 this section.

1-38 SECTION 2. (a) Section 1305.1645, Occupations Code, as
 1-39 added by this Act, applies only to an application for a license
 1-40 filed on or after May 1, 2014. An application for a license filed
 1-41 before May 1, 2014, is governed by the law in effect on the date the
 1-42 application was filed, and that law is continued in effect for that
 1-43 purpose.

1-44 (b) The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation shall
 1-45 adopt rules under Section 1305.1645, Occupations Code, as added by
 1-46 this Act, not later than March 1, 2014.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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